

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 142149

62

ORIGIN AID-85

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 IO-10 H-02

EB-07 IGA-01 L-03 /127 R

DRAFTED BY AFR/ESA RMACHMER :EM

APPROVED BY AFR/ESA JKNOLL

AFR/ESA OCYLKE (DRAFT)

AF/E RBARRETT (DRAFT)

PHA/FDRC RCLARY (INFO)

AA/AFR DSBROWN (INFO)

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

4L ACTION AFR 10-INFO DRC;MP OFP OL "PHA PVCTA/N GCAF IDC PPC,AAIDNSC

ES SER GC GCFLD FFP OA AGRIC CIA X COM DOD X HEW USIA CHRON 1238 85P

----- 075502

P 172254Z JUN 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 142149

- AIDAC NAIROBI FOR REDSO,ROME FOR FODAG, BRUSSELS FOR USEC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:

SUBJECT:ETHIOPIA DROUGHT - MEETING WITH COL. TESSEMA

ABDERASH

1. AFR/ESA AND AF/E OFFICERS MET JUNE 13 WITH COL. TESSEMA WHO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH AID/W BELIVES NEED BE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED BY MISSION.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 142149

2. ETHIOPIA IS IN THROES OF BOTH A NEW AS WELL AS A CONTINUING DROUGHT (E.G., OGADEN PROBLEM IS JUST OVER A YEAR OLD) AFFECTING SOME 4 MILLION PERSONS, APPROXIMATELY HALF OF WHOM ARE CHILDREN. THIS QUOTE NEW UNQUOTE

DROUGHT NOT CONFINED TO AGADEN ALONE BUT IMPACTS HEAVILY ON BALE, SIDAMO, AND GEMU GOFA. DROUGHT ALSO CONTINUES TO IMPACT HEAVILY IN ERITREA, TIGRE AND WOLLO AS WELL. INCLUDED IN THE 4 MILLION FIGURE, TESSEMA SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED 600,000 IN WOLLO, 400,000 IN TIGRE AND 500,000 IN THE AGADEN AS QUOTE UNDER RELIEF UNQUOTE, THAT IS, IN NEED OF OUTSIDE AID.

3. TESSEMA STRONGLY PRESSED HIS CONVICTION THAT NEITHER INTERNATIONAL DONORS NOR THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAVE BEEN

SUFFICIENTLY SENSITIVE TO THIS SITUATION AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING VOLAGS, NEWSPAPERS, RADIO TELEVISION, MAJOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, THE UN, AND KEY U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATORS IN ORDER TO FOCUS U.S. PUBLIC AWARENESS ON SITUATION. TESSEMA IS WELL - PREPARED FOR A PRESENTATION, CARRYING MAPS OF DROUGHT AREAS, DRAMATIC PHOTOS OF DEAD CATTLE AND STARVING PEOPLE AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE FILM CLIPS OF DROUGHT AREAS. HE ALSO HIGHLY ARTICULATE AND CERTAIN TO BE PERSUASIVE AND CONVINCING IN ANY PUBLIC CONTACTS HE MAKES. AID/W WILL ASSIST TESSEMA TO MEET VOLAG REPS. BUT WILL SUGGEST ANY OTHER OUTSIDE CONTACTS BE MADE BY TESSEMA HIMSELF THROUGH ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY. WE SHOULD EXPECT THAT IN FIVE WEEKS REMAINING HIS SEMINAR HERE, HE WILL IN FACT REACH CONSIDERABLE OUTSIDE SOURCES AND HIS PRESENTATION WILL BE CRITICAL OF INTERNATIONAL DONOR SENSITIVITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF U.S., TO DROUGHT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA.

4. IN TERMS OF REQUIREMENTS, TESSEMA INCLUDED FOLLOWING:

A. AIR DELIVERY OF GRAINS, PARTICULARLY TO 10 TO 20 SITES IN BALE AND GEMU GOFA PROVINCES WHERE PERSONS IN NEED CAN ONLY BE REACHED BY AIR SINCE THERE ARE NO ROADS TO SPEAK OF, AS WELL AS IN OGADEN WHERE ROAD NETWORK IS INADEQUATE UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. R AND R COMMISSION CURRENTLY UTILIZING CESSNAS THESE PURPOSES, BUT OPERATING COSTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 142149

PROHIBITIVE. HE REQUESTED QUOTE A FEW UNQUOTE C-47S OR DC-3S WHICH HE HAD HEARD WERE AVAILABLE IN TUCSON, ARIZONA FROM U.S. SURPLUS. TESSEMA STATED THAT QUOTE MERCY AIRLIFT, CALIFORNIA UNQUOTE WOULD PROVIDE CREWS FOR TWO PLANES IN ADDITION TO THEIR CURRENT OPERATION. REQUEST MISSION ASSESSMENT THIS PERCEIVED REQUIREMENT AND COMMENT ON AID RESPONSE. AID/W ASCERTAINING AVAILABILITIES/COSTS. WILL ADVISE.

B. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. SSB PORTABLE RADIOS TO BE USED TO EXTEND EXISTING DISASTER WARNING NETWORK THROUGHOUT ETHIOPIA AS WELL AS WELL AS FOR QUOTE GENERAL EDUCATION-

AL PROGRAMS UNQUOTE. TESSEMA SAID EXISTING POLICE-MILITARY UNITS ALREADY BEING USED TO FULLEST EXTENT BUT COVERAGE NOT SUFFICIENT. HAD COPY OF WILLIG STUDY AND WONDERED WHY IT HAD NOT BEEN FOLLOWED UP. REQUEST MISSION DETAIL ITS CONCLUSIONS/ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION THIS STUDY.

C. RELIEF GRAIN. TESSEMA SAID HE HAD HEARD 150,000 MT

GRAIN BEING STORED IN SAHEL AND REQUESTED IT BE DIVERTED TO ETHIOPIA WHERE NEED IS IMMEDIATE AND REPLACED LATER FOR SAHEL. WE EXPLAINED PROHIBITIVE COST SUCH DIVERSION AND MENTIONED OUR NEW 5000 MT CONTRIBUTION (PLUS 2375 MT FFW DIVERSION). WHILE ALREADY IN RECEIPT MISSION REQUEST TITLE I PROGRAM, WHAT IS CURRENT MISSION ESTIMATE FOR FUTURE U.S. GRAIN DONATION REPEAT DONATION REQUIREMENTS.

D. SUPPLEMENTAL FORTIFIED FOODS. TESSEMA STATED 40,000 MT NEEDED INASMUCH APPROXIMATELY HALF THOSE IN NEED ARE CHILDREN. WHILE AID/W IN RECEIPT MISSION ESTIMATE FOOD REQUIREMENTS, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL DATA FORTIFIED FOOD REQUIREMENTS. FYI TESSEMA RELYING HEAVILY ON PUBLISHED REPORTS OF ENI WHICH COULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT IF USED BY NON-DISCRIMINATING PUBLIC

E. MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND PERSONNEL.

F. MORE R AND R SUPPORT.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 142149

5. FYI ON ERITREA, TESSEMA STATED 97 POSTS WHERE GOE HAS CONTROL (E.G. POLICE STATION) HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED DISTRIBUTION POINTS FOR RELIEF AND GRAIN IS BEING DISTRIBUTED IN ERITREA ALTHOUGH ATTACKS BY INSURGENTS INTERRUPT THIS DISTRIBUTION. END FYI.

6. IN LIGHT OF TESSEMA COMMENTS AND HIS DESIRE TO BRING GREATER U.S. PUBLIC ATTENTION TO SITUATION, REQUEST MISSION PRIORITY ASSESSMENT TESSEMA COMMENTS. MISSION OUTLINE GOE SELF-HELP INPUTS (FOOD AND NON-FOOD AID) COULD ALSO BE USEFUL INFORMATION FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH COL. TESSEMA.

DECONTROL 12/31/77. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 26 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DROUGHTS, ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 JUN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE142149
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: AFR/ESA RMACHMER :EM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750211-0683
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197506101/baaaamxh.tel
Line Count: 159
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN AID
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 APR 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <15 OCT 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> wfs 971022
Subject: n/a
TAGS: EAID, ET, US
To: ADDIS ABABA
NAIROBI
LONDON
ROME
BRUSSELS
Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006